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CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET-CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED]TOPIC Shipments of Troops in the Area of Brandenburg and SaxonyEVALUATION See below PLACE OBTAINED 25X1ADATE OF CONTENT 14 to 27 July 1950DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 22 August 1950

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3. A train of 28 freight cars, each occupied by 20 to 25 men, passed through Cottbus on 25 July 1950 at 11:15 p.m. headed toward Guben (O 52/A 79). Most of the soldiers wore war decorations, and some had tank insignia and others artillery insignia. No weapons or equipment were seen. (4)

4. About 80 recruits led by a lieutenant boarded the regular passenger train for Berlin at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station on 25 July 1950 at 7 p.m. (5) On the same day at 8:30 p.m. a train of 45 to 50 freight cars, each occupied by about 30 soldiers, left the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. The train, which had been seen on a switching track of the main railroad station since 7 p.m. headed toward the west. Some of the soldiers wore war decorations. (6)

5. A train under steam, facing toward Berlin, was seen at the Justerbog (N 52/J 69) railroad station on 27 July 1950 at 6:45 p.m. It was composed of

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eight freight cars occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with the artillery insignia; and 38 flatcars carrying 12 trucks, 8 guns and other artillery equipment. Six of the guns were of 100 to 120 mm caliber and two were of a larger caliber. Trucks, some of which

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Comments.

- (1) Presumably a shipment of ammunition boxes by a unit of the 9th Mecz Div according to the motor vehicle numbers.
- (2) Soldiers of the 9th Mecz Div being discharged or on leave according to motor vehicle numbers.
- (3) The motor vehicles belong to the 9th Mecz Div.
- (4) Since the soldiers wore war decorations but had no weapons or equipment they were probably to be discharged.
- (5) It is questionable whether the recruits arrived recently from the U.S.S.R. or in June 1950. It is possible that they were temporarily quartered in a barracks in Frankfurt/Oder in order to be assigned to a unit of the 7th Gds Mecz Div in Fuerstenwalde.
- (6) Since war decorations were seen the shipment might have been NCO personnel coming from the U.S.S.R.
- (7) It is believed that the motor vehicle numbers reported were misidentified

- (8) The 8-41-xx series belongs to the headquarters of the GDFG. This series has not appeared before in connection with AAA.

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